

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. The examiner requires restriction of the claims to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a dosage form, classified in class 424, subclass 473.
- II. Claim 11, drawn to a method of making a laminate, classified in class 156, subclass 60.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-10, with traverse and reserves the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that a search for the novelty of a dosage form for delivering an antiepileptic drug encompassed by Group I would yield information regarding novelty of the process of maintaining the integrity and performance of a dosage form having a semipermeable wall enclosing an antiepileptic drug formulation encompassed by Group II. Therefore, Groups I and II together would not be a serious burden on the examiner. If the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, then the Office's own procedures direct the examiner to examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions (MPEP §803). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement in view of the foregoing arguments.

Because the applicant has fully and completely responded to the restriction requirement, this application is now in order for early action.

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